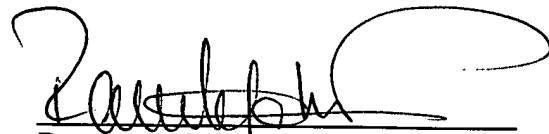


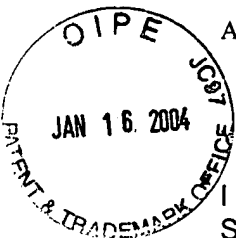
REMARKS-General

1. The newly drafted independent claims 11 and 12 are rewritten from the original allowable claim 20, including the base claim and any intervening claims, of the cross-referenced previous application, application number 09/736,221. The newly drafted claims 13 to 53, including an independent product claim 13 and two independent method claims 45 and 49, are presented to claim subject matters previously brought forth in the disclosure. No new matter has been included. All new claims 11-53 are submitted to be of sufficient clarity and detail to enable a person of average skill in the art to make and use the instant invention, so as to be pursuant to 35 USC 112.
2. Since a total of 53 claims and five independent claims are presented, a check in an amount of US\$383.00 is submitted herewith to pay the additional filing fee including US\$86.00 for the two additional independent claims and US\$297.00 for the additional 33 claims in excess of twenty. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502111.
3. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed in order to place the application in condition for allowance, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



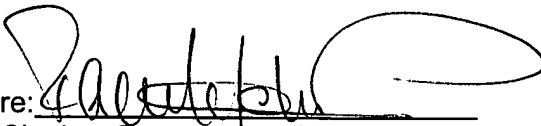
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